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1. The following plants are functioning for the production of synthetic oil. Their monthly production figures are as follows:

Plant	Monthly Production	Type of Oil Product
BRABAG Böhlen	13,000 tons	40% gasoline 60% Diesel oil
	250-300 "	Best aviation fuel (Hochleistungs- flugkraftstoff)
BRABAG Zeitz	17,000 "	40% gasoline 60% Diesel oil
BRABAG Schwarzheide/ Ruhland	5,000 "	50% gasoline 50% Diesel oil

The production at BRABAG Magdeburg/Rothensee is nil. This plant is being dismantled.

2. In addition, the Wintershall A.G. plant at Lützkendorf near Merseburg also produces gasoline from crude oil, imported from Austria, and by brown coal distillation. The monthly production amounts to 5,000 tons.

3. The total production, therefore, is 40,000 tons per month. Of this, 13-15,000 tons is for the Soviets, 25-27,000 tons per month for the Germans.

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4. Production of synthetic oil has not yet restarted at Leunawerk near Merseburg. 50X1-HUM
The nitrogen plant is still functioning, producing artificial fertilizer. Production of synthetic oil will, it is planned, restart in August 1947 for three months. During this time, the production of artificial fertilizer will either cease completely or be very considerably reduced. The dismantled portions of the factory are to be re-erected at Tula in the USSR. It is believed that technical personnel, who have been deported will continue to work with the re-erected plant at Tula.
5. It is intended to produce lubricating oil and kerosene at the Zeitz plant towards the end of the year.
6. Only sulphate of ammonia and nitrogen are being produced at Auschwitz (Oswiecim) hydro-amination plant in Poland. Up to 1945, the synthetic gasoline production consisted only of small quantities of the aviation fuel.

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